SUMMARY OF CASES ACCEPTED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 17, 1999

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The description or descriptions set out below do not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#99-70 People v. Dozier, S077367. (B115370, B115593; 69 Cal.App.4th 1132.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal modified and affirmed a judgment of conviction of criminal offenses. This case presents an issue, concerning the effects of the three strikes law on the sentencing of defendants convicted of crimes punishable by life sentences, which is related to an issue before the court in People v. Jefferson, S057834. (See #97-31.)

#99-71 Fox v. Kramer, S077861. (H017054; 70 Cal.App.4th 177.)

Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment in a civil action. This case concerns whether peer review proceedings at a hospital constitute "remedial or precautionary measures" which are inadmissible in a malpractice action. (See Evid. Code, §1151.)

#99-72 People v. Morales, S059461. (B101352; 69 Cal.App.4th 1426.)

Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a judgment of conviction of a criminal offense. This case includes the issue of whether in a prosecution for possession of a controlled substance, the prosecutor committed prejudicial error in his jury argument regarding the significance of evidence that defendant ingested a controlled substance.

#99-73 Transportation Ins. Ltd. v. ShinMaywa Industries, Ltd, S077703. (B122299.) Unpublished opinion. Petition for review after the Court of Appeal affirmed a summary judgment and reversed an order in a civil action. This case concerns whether either the incorporation of a defective component in a product, or the damage to other components necessarily resulting from the replacement of the defective component, constitute property damage for liability insurance purposes.